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HECB to review far-reaching data from national group

OLYMPIA- A partnership of national education organizations that is helping the state create a long-term agenda for higher education will brief the Higher Education Coordinating Board on its recent findings during the board's July 30 meeting in Olympia.

The National Collaborative on Higher Education Policy has been compiling state and national data over the past six weeks. The information will provide a comprehensive snapshot of higher education issues in Washington - including a county-by-county analysis of enrollment trends, completion rates, and college preparation efforts.

During the meeting, Dennis Jones, president of the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems, will present data that are expected to help guide the HECB in creating the state's 2004 Strategic Master Plan, which is the state's policy blueprint for higher education in Washington.

Jones's organization is one of three education groups that are part of the national collaborative; the others are the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, and the Education Commission for the States. The partnership has been working with state officials since May.

The board also is expected to distribute funding to support additional high-demand enrollment slots at the state's public four-year college and universities. The 2003-05 state operating budget directed the HECB to design and implement a competitive process aimed at increasing student access to fields of study that are in demand by students and employers. The two-year budget includes a total of \$8.2 million to support 246 new full-time student slots (FTEs) in 2003-04 and an additional 254 new FTEs (for a total of 500) in 2004-05.

Also on the agenda is a presentation on the final report on branch campuses by the Washington State Institute for Public Policy. The institute released an interim report in December 2002 on the mission of the state's five branch campuses; the latest report is expected to examine policy questions regarding their future. The University of Washington operates branches at Bothell and Tacoma; Washington State University has branches in Spokane, the Tri-Cities and Vancouver.

The HECB meeting will begin at 9 a.m. Wednesday, July 30, in the John A. Cherberg Building, Hearing Room 4, on the Capitol campus, and is open to the public.

In addition to the public meeting, the HECB will conduct closed executive sessions from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 29, and from 7 to 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 30, to discuss personnel issues as permitted by the state's Open Public Meetings Act.

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Briefing materials on agenda items are available at: <http://www.hecb.wa.gov/Docs/packets/JulyMtg03.pdf>

For more information on the National Collaborative for Higher Education Policy:
<http://www.governor.wa.gov/press/press-view.asp?pressRelease=1361&newsType=1>

Who: Higher Education Coordinating Board

What: July regular meeting

Where: John A. Cherberg Building, Hearing Rm. 4
Capitol campus, Olympia

When: Wednesday, July 30
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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PRELIMINARY BOARD MEETING AGENDA
John A. Cherberg Building, Hearing Rm. 4
Capitol campus, Olympia
July 30, 2003

Times are approximate

9 a.m. Welcome and Introductions

- Bob Craves, HECB Chair

HIGHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES

- Strategic Master Plan Update (HB 2076)
- Higher Education Performance Contracts (HB 2111)
- National Collaborative on Higher Education Policy: Data analysis
Dennis Jones, president, Natl. Center for Higher Education Mgmt. Systems

Noon *Board lunch*
No official business will be conducted

1 p.m. Branch Campus Discussion

- Report on branch campus study
Annie Pennuci, Washington State Institute for Public Policy

2 p.m. Update on Higher Education Tuition and Funding

- HECB staff briefing

2:30 p.m. Report on High-Demand Allocations

- HECB staff briefing
Resolution 03-19

3 p.m. Educational Opportunity Grant - Rules Change (CR 102)

- HECB staff briefing

3:15 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. Student Residency (HB 1079, SB 5134) - Rules Change (CR 102)

- HECB staff briefing

4 p.m. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Adoption of June 2003 HECB Meeting Minutes
New Degree Program

- **Doctor of Physical Therapy, UW**
Resolution 03-20

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Status Report: Notification of Intent (NOI)

PUBLIC COMMENT

4:30 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

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HECB 2003 Meeting Calendar

Date	Location
Sept. 24, Wednesday	WSU, Pullman, Compton Union Building
Oct. 29, Wednesday	State Investment Board, Olympia Bd. Rm.
Dec. 3, Wednesday	So. Puget Sound CC, Olympia Bldg 22, Rm. 200A